REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The present response is submitted to place the present application in condition for allowance based on the indication of allowable subject matter in the outstanding Office Action.

In the outstanding Office Action claims 7-14 are allowed and only claims 1, 3-6, 15, and 17 were rejected. By the present response rejected claims 1, 3-6, 15, and 17 are canceled without prejudice. Thereby, only allowed claims 7-14 are pending in this application.

As only allowed claims are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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